

Table 1 Presence/absence of the requirements for the management of chemical incidents at national and local levels

No.	Item	National		Local	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Legislation on surveillance and response to chemical events				
2	Policy for the surveillance of and response to chemical emergencies				
3	Policy for industrial waste management				
4	Strategic plan to strengthen the surveillance of and response to chemical events				
5	Operational public health plan for responding to chemical events				
6	Coordination mechanism between chemical safety and national health authorities				
7	Coordination mechanism between chemical safety authorities and the International Health Regulations				
8	Intersectoral committee/taskforce for management of and response to chemical events				
9	Inventory of potential hazard facilities for chemical health emergencies				
10	Inventory of chemical expertise and resources				
11	Assessment of chemical risks in chemical plants				
12	List of priority chemical events and syndromes for surveillance				
13	List of information sources for chemical events				
14	Manuals available for surveillance, investigation and control of chemical events				
15	Guidelines disseminated to relevant levels and stakeholders				
16	Standard definition of health hazard from chemical contamination of water				
17	Standard definition of health hazard from chemical contamination of air				
18	Standard definition of health hazard from chemical contamination of food				
19	Standard definition of health hazard from chemical contamination of others				
20	Standard case definitions for priority chemical events				
21	Multisectoral risk assessment during chemical event of public health concern				
22	Alert levels established for chemical events				
23	Chemical events reported to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education as part of surveillance				
24	Specified time frame for reporting urgent chemical events				
25	Hazmat team skilled in emergency response to chemical events				
26	Staff in related industries trained in emergency response to chemical events				
27	Case management centres for chemical exposures and poisoning				
28	Poison centres established				
29	Health staff trained in case management for chemical poisoning				
30	First responder staff trained in case management for chemical poisoning				
31	Risk communication plan for chemical incidents				
32	Public health education on chemical accidents management, specifically for residents who live near chemical plants				
33	Laboratory capacity to confirm the etiology of chemical events				